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The Honorable James A. Baker III
Office of the Secretary
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary

I am writing to you about the Raoul Wallenberg case. Mr. Wallenberg was a volunteer for President Roosevelt's War Refugee Board during World War II. While stationed at the Swedish legation in Nazi-occupied Budapest, he saved approximately 100,000 lives. He was taken captive by the Soviet army on January 17, 1945, and he has never been released. Although no one seems to know for sure whether he is alive, he was made an honorary citizen of the United States on October 5, 1981.

I fear our government has not sufficiently come to the aid of Mr. Wallenberg, unlike the way he came to the aid of so many others. I hope we can adeptly resolve this injustice. I suggest you release an accounting of the State Department's efforts in this matter. A report about the department's findings would also be helpful.

I recognize the Soviets have suppressed most information about Mr. Wallenberg. I will therefore write a letter to Mr. Gorbachev urging him to release all records concerning Mr. Wallenberg. I am especially interested in the prison records from 1945 through 1947, the year of Mr. Wallenberg's alleged death.

Please let me know if I can be of further help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Orrin G. Hatch
United States Senator

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